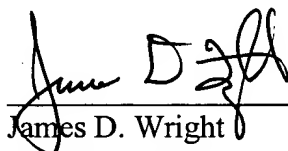


## REMARKS

Claims 1 through 137 are currently pending in the above-captioned application. However, a requirement of restriction of prosecution of the present application to one of the following groups: Group I, consisting of Claims 1-60; Claim Group II, consisting of Claims 61-76; Claim Group III, consisting of Claims 77-97; Claim Group IV, consisting of Claims 98-106; Claim Group V, consisting of Claims 107-132; or Group VI, consisting of Claims 133-137; was articulated in the Official Action. The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1-60, thus resulting in the withdrawal of Claims 61-137 from consideration. Therefore, the Applicants have cancelled Claims 61-137, without prejudice to the subject matter thereof, as directed to a nonelected invention.

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